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Education

Eligibility of clerks in the District Educational Council's service for counting their previous service on transfer to Government service.

* 1302 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Educational Council, Kurnool, has made a recommendation that all the clerks in the District Educational Council's service who are eligible for public service may be allowed to count the service thereat when they get into other departments of Government ; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have expressed their inability to accept the recommendation for the following reasons :—

(i) that District Educational Councils are non-official bodies like local boards and municipalities whose servants have not been accorded any similar privileges ;

(ii) that the general provident fund applicable to teachers in non-pensionable service has been made applicable to clerks employed in the offices of the District Educational Councils ; and

(iii) that the proposals involve additional liability to Government in respect of pensionary charges.

Introduction of rural primary education in Saidapet taluk.

* 1303 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why the inauguration on 17th November 1928 of the scheme of rural compulsory primary education in the Saidapet taluk took place in Poonamallee which is in the Sriperumbudur taluk ;

(b) whether circulars were issued to teachers in all or some of the primary schools in the Sriperumbudur taluk to bring children to Poonamallee to attend the function, and whether children were actually brought to Poonamallee ; and

(c) what was the object of getting children to attend the function ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

Appointment of Assistant Professors for Languages in Government Colleges.

* 1304 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government propose to appoint Assistant Professors for languages in the Madras Presidency College and in the other Government colleges in view of the fact that languages have been made compulsory in the Arts courses in the Madras University ?

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A —There are already assistant lecturers in languages in the Government first-grade colleges and proposals for strengthening the staff wherever necessary are under consideration. There are no proposals for appointing assistant lecturers in languages in the Government second-grade colleges.

Establishment of a girls' school at Cocanada.

1305 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have come to a decision with regard to the places in the Presidency at which girls' high schools are to be established ; and

(*b*) whether the question of establishing a girls' high school at Cocanada has been finally decided ; and if so, what the decision is ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I expect some provision to be made in the ensuing budget, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No, Sir."

Compensation to aided schools affected by the introduction of free compulsory education.

1306 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which municipalities and other areas compulsory and free education has been introduced ; and

(*b*) what compensation, in what shape and for what period, has been provided for the loss of fees to schools under private management ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to Appendix A to Volume I of the Report on Public Instruction for the year 1927-28. Since the close of that year sanction has been accorded to the introduction of compulsory education in the Anantapur and Nellore municipalities, the Saidapet taluk and the Tiruvadi union in the Tanjore taluk.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules framed under section 47 of the Elementary Education Act and the draft amendments thereto, published for general information and criticism in notification No. 25, dated 8th December 1928, on page 31 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 22nd January 1929.

Establishment of a Technological Institute at Madras.

1307 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any, and if so, what steps are being taken for establishing a Technological Institute at Madras ?